

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/653,451

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/31/2000.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-40.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 31 August 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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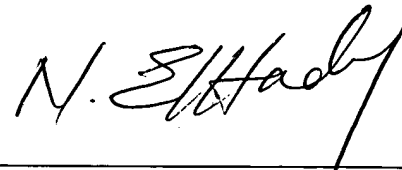
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of- Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 7/31/01, 8/13/01, 9/10/01, 10/23/02, 10/16/03
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 2/17/2005.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.



EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert C. Kowert, Reg. No. 39,255 on 2/16/2005.

2. The application to be amended as follows:

In the claims:

I. In claim 1:

- a) line 5, after "capabilities" insert – depending upon the client's authorization -- ;
- b) line 8, replace "the requested" with -- said --;
- c) line 10, replace "the requested" with -- said --.

II. In claim 10:

- a) line 3, replace "a portion" with – to a portion of --.

III. In claim 14:

- a) line 7, after "capabilities" insert – depending upon the client's authorization -- ;
- b) line 8, replace "the requested" with -- said --;
- c) line 10, replace "the requested" with -- said --.

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IV. In claim 23:

- a) line 3, replace "a portion" with -- to a portion of --.

V. In claim 28:

- a) line 5, after "capabilities" insert -- depending upon the client's authorization -- ;
- b) lines 7-8, replace "the requested" with -- said --;
- c) line 10, replace "the requested" with -- said --.

VI. In claim 37:

- a) line 3, replace "a portion" with -- to a portion of --.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the prior art in record taken alone or in combination discloses all the claimed limitations including a method for accessing a service in a distributed computing environment, comprising a client locating a first service within the distributed computing environment; the client requesting a capability credential to allow the client access to a portion of the first service's capabilities depending upon the client's authorization; the client receiving said capability credential; the client requesting a document that describes the first service's interface to access said portion of the first service's capabilities; the client receiving said document, wherein said document comprises information describing how to access no more than said portion of the first service's capabilities; and the client using the information from said document to access the first service.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the

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issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nabil M El-Hady whose telephone number is (571) 272-3963. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on (571) 272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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